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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter to Mr. William Casey dated 12 September 1985, enclosing correspondence from [redacted] [redacted] expresses concern that a government entity is asking her to conduct psychiatric evaluations of people on the basis of only one interview.

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We have canvassed the appropriate components within the Central Intelligence Agency to determine if CIA did indeed request [redacted] services. Our Offices of Medical Services and Security advise that, to their knowledge, no one from CIA has contacted [redacted]

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We appreciate your bringing [redacted] concerns to our attention.

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Sincerely,

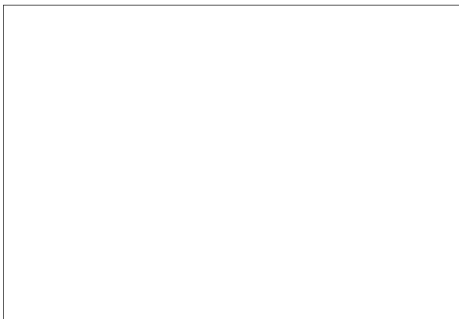
/s/Charles A. Briggs

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Charles A. Briggs
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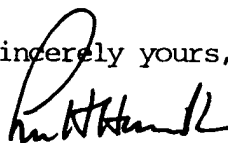
Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Please provide any information you may have concerning the attached correspondence.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman

Enclosure



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September 2, 1985

Honorable Edward P. Boland
Chairman, Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
20515

Dear Sir:

I recently received a phone call from Columbus, asking if I would be available to evaluate for security clearance, those persons already cleared and working, but whose behavior was such that further evaluation was in order. I was told that one session (45-50 minutes) would be allowed for the evaluation, although in specific instances, more time could be given. I expressed concern, that only in the instance of gross psychiatric impairment, could an evaluation be made in one session. It is within the ability of most persons to "fake good" to receive a favorable report, and a true sociopath might never be detected.

In most circumstances, at least two psychiatric interviews, plus psychological testing, would be indicated to provide a more reasonable degree of certainty in the conclusions reached. Sometimes, interviews with others, such as family members, are also necessary. I discussed this with the woman who called me, and declined to perform this service for the government, as I felt it would be wholly inadequate and in fact potentially damaging to the government and/or the individual involved.

Having just finished THE FALCON AND THE SNOWMAN and THE FLIGHT OF THE FALCON, I am perhaps more aware of the issue of security clearance than previously. If only one interview is standard in assessing qualification for attaining or retaining this important clearance, review of the entire system would be in order.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concern.

Sincerely

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